

# Objectives of Delegation to Jiaxing (July 2010)

## Clarify Mutual Objectives in the Relationship

- Convey Mayor and Council and RSCC objectives
- Provide information on Rockville of interest to Jiaxing Officials
- Determine ability of ordinary Jiaxing citizens to participate in exchange activities
- Determine Jiaxing goals for relationship

## Establish Basis for Sister City Program

- Establish principles of people to people exchange of ideas, culture, and business
- Determine any needs for assistance and abilities to provide pertinent information or materials

## Establish Policies and Procedures for Exchange Programs

- Identify the kinds of people exchanges that are possible and would be supported by the Jiaxing Government:
  - academic exchanges including home stays and various communications media exchanges between students,
  - musical groups, visual arts, performing arts, etc.
  - business groups from various sectors
  - governmental officials and employees including city leadership, community services, police, and firefighters, etc.
- Explore opportunities for both Cities to more fully appreciate governmental issues confronting each including education, economic and community development, and infrastructure,
- Set limits on size and duration of exchanges
- Offer to host visitors in our homes at no expense to guests
- Outline typical visit program including exposure to family lifestyle, local events, sightseeing, and special interests

## Learn something about family, lifestyles, and Municipal Services

- Understand better the Jiaxing culture and lives enjoyed by “ordinary” citizens
- Spend time talking to Jiaxing students, who speak English, in a “mix and mingle” session

### Draft a Sister City Relations Agreement

- Identify the required Planning Elements in accordance with the SCI Guidelines to move toward the execution of a final Sister City Agreement,
- Identify the lead officials who will negotiate these elements for a final draft Agreement,
- Leave with a Letter of Intent that can be reviewed by the city governments

### Set Timing Objectives and Location for Execution of Agreement

- Develop an estimated time schedule for negotiating and completing the Agreement Documents
- Agree to a date and location for the Jiaying and Rockville Officials to sign the Sister City Agreement.